

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2543. An original bill to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to lower prescription drug prices in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, to improve transparency related to pharmaceutical prices and transactions, to lower patients' out-of-pocket costs, and to ensure accountability to taxpayers, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2544. A bill to provide tax relief for the victims of Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, and certain California wildfires; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2545. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a program to make grants to States to inform Medicaid enrollees and SNAP participants of potential eligibility for the Lifeline program of the Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JONES, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. ROSEN, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. KING):

S. 2546. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2547. A bill to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2548. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 2549. A bill to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in the loan programs of the Small Business Administration; to the

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. Res. 330. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to require certain measures to address Federal election interference by foreign governments; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. ROMNEY):

S. Res. 331. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the inclusion of the provisions of S. 2118 (116th Congress) (relating to the prohibition of United States persons from dealing in certain information and communications technology or services from foreign adversaries and requiring the approval of Congress to terminate certain export controls in effect with respect to Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.); considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. Res. 332. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the conference on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 630A of the House amendment (relating to the repeal of a requirement of reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan survivor annuities by amounts of dependency and indemnity compensation); considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 333. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in subtitle B of title XI of the House amendment (relating to paid family leave for Federal personnel); considered and not agreed to.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 334. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 316 of the Senate bill (relating to a prohibition on the use of perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances for land-based applications of firefighting foam); considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MCSALLY:

S. Res. 335. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the members of the conference to include the provisions contained in section 2906 of the Senate bill (relating to replenishment of certain military construction funds); considered and agreed to.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. Res. 336. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the

members of the conference to consider potential commonsense solutions regarding family and medical leave, including voluntary compensatory time programs and incentives through the tax code; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 337. A resolution expressing concern about the fires in the Amazon rainforest; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KING, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 338. A resolution designating the week of September 23 through September 27, 2019, as "Malnutrition Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. JONES, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 339. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 340. A resolution designating the week of September 23 through September 27, 2019, as "Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 341. A resolution designating September 2019 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 342. A resolution expressing the need for immediate climate action in response to the report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change entitled "Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 133

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 133, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 211

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes.